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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ALESSANDRO SETTE et al.

Application No.: 09/189,702

Filed: November 10, 1998

For: HLA BINDING PEPTIDES AND THEIR USES Examiner: Ronald Schwadron, Ph.D.

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PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2000, for three months, from June 15, 2000, to September 15, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a(n) Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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